

News of the Sporting World at Home and Abroad

HOW CROOKED IS MODERN SPORT?

Recent Flood of Scandals in All Parts of Country Suggests Question.

WHERE REFORM IS WORKING.

College Athletics Breaking Away From Lust for Money and Tracks Are Becoming Play Grounds.

Is everything crooked in sport? To one who has to read the material sent over the telegraph wires these days, the suggestion is strong that it is, or at least that the outlook for square sport, built for money making, is rather unpromising. One day the wires tell of the traffic collapsing of Lou Dillon, the finest horse in America, from dope administered in order that the title might be passed to another aspirant.



D. A. CALLAHAN, YALE '06.

The Popstar and Able Coach of the Salt Lake High School Track and Football Team.

Mr. Callahan's position is somewhat unique in sporting circles, as he has stood first and last for the pure amateur spirit. In ten years, without a single defeat, his football team has won contests over most of the intermountain states, and his track team promises this year to behave creditably at the Colorado meet, with a good prospect of bringing home the Colorado championship. Coach Callahan has never been infected with the lust for winning in any way but by training to the keenest form such men as report for duty at the high school. This year he made seven new football players from raw recruits, and his track team is almost wholly made up of new men, out of which he plans to develop record makers to displace those who went away last year. Since leaving Yale in 1895, Mr. Callahan has been devoted to amateur sports. His services to the high school have been volunteered, and his "kids" have worked under him into winning shape without suits, grounds, or training quarters, when these were not to be had. Next year a new "gym" is promised, which will add greatly to the facilities for training.

The next day Ascut furnished a tale of a doped favorite, just to bring home a winning, and then comes Joe Gans in San Francisco, making a confession that he framed things up in the fight with Jimmy Britt. To add sauce to the whole situation local affairs must needs take on their yellow hues to one who looks on the sudden acquisition of track-team material trained in another school with suspicion.

THE MONEY AND THE GAME.

The trouble with sports these days seems to be that commercialism has infected them, the same as it has other branches of American endeavor. And the trouble with commercialism seems to be that it strives to make itself master of the people, instead of remaining their agent to carry out the public desire.

The sports of a nation, according to the idealists, are supposed to be indicative of its civilization, in that they show how its people behave while at play. The same people hold that no sport is pure sport which is not pure play—recreation indulged in to give life for other lines of endeavor. No man can give his whole life to sport, and be a legitimate participant, and if there is to be a purely movement in athletics, it is apparently to be away from gate money, and the lust of winning, back to meets which are indulged in by people who need the exercise, or enjoy the love of winning, which comes from preparing well to win, rather than by buying victory. Professional sports haven't much of a place in the new development, and perhaps they had better start back for the place as a means of making a living or thrive in the discredited way in which prize fighters, horse racers, wrestlers and their kind thrive these days. For every square deal coming out of their events, there will be a scandal story to offset the growth towards respectability, and thus keep the "queer" on the game.

WHERE REFORM WORKS.

College sports are supposed to be the most truly amateur these days, because college men are supposed to study hard, and therefore to be in need of the recreation which sports-for-play bring. If there is a musty gate receipt to intervene between the spectators and the game, it is supposed to be sent by a manager who has no direct connection with the team, to make things more comfortable for the spectator, and grounds suitable for the amateur to work upon, also to buy pretty uniforms so that the spectator

will get more thrills for his money by being able to distinguish his favorites. The participant is supposed to have no interest in the gate, and it was his reaching over after a handful of this money that brought on the trouble, so the professors have decided. The same tendency made professional sports out of many former amateur events, and brought on the subsequent discrediting of them. In rescuing college sports from the tendency to enjoy the polluting gate money, the college doctors of present conditions are making some pretty tall changes. Wisconsin lost her coach, Michigan lost a prize half back, Boulder lost the mighty Carey, Jordan used to strike them down a dozen a year at Stanford, and send them out of college with the brand of "athletic tramp," the training table has been abolished at Michigan, the "athletic fund" has been brought under stricter control, and there is even agitation in favor of doing away with gate receipts, and paying necessary expenses by assessments, and contributions.

ARE CUTTING EXPENSES.

The track seasons this spring will probably be much less expensive than last year, and the cases where men with reputations are "called" to other schools than that in which they developed, will be rare. It is probable that a school will hardly cater to a reputation of winning this spring, with men recently from a dozen other schools, and that when fall comes the football fields will be largely freed from brilliant stars of many a past battle. It seems that, after all, all the sport is not crooked, and that in one branch at least, a purifying process is at work, which will keep the college play grounds for pure play, while the sea-

THE LOU DILLON-MAJOR DELMAR MEMPHIS GOLD CUP SCANDAL.



The astounding charges brought by Murray Howe, secretary and treasurer of the Memphis Trotting association, on whose complaint the famous Memphis gold cup was forcibly taken from Elmer E. Smathers a week ago at his apartments in New York, has shaken the turf world at its foundations. The spectacle of a millionaire trotting enthusiast charged by a prominent club official with being a party to a conspiracy by which a great thoroughbred is alleged to have been brought to defeat by drugging has raised a storm unparalleled in light harness racing circles. Charges and expressed astonishment upon learning of Trainer Sanders' affidavit charging him with having paid \$5,000 to have Lou Dillon disabled before the race. Many more sensational disclosures are expected as a result of Mr. Howe's action.

Koerner, T. Vandervoort and D. P. Crawford. The foals were also awarded to Coach Lanagan, Asst. Coach Banabach, Trainer Moulton and Manager R. W. Barrett.

NEWS NOTES IN BRIEF.

A citizen of Chicago was cured by his friends of race track gambling and induced to put his money in a bank. The bank failed and he now declares his intention to return to the old game. This does not prove anything favorable to gambling. It is merely a suggestion that chinch games are not all confined to one place.

Dick Fitzpatrick claims he was robbed of victory by the referee in a fight at Davenport, Iowa. The only unusual thing about this item is that the fight took place in Iowa.

If a "ball" had been administered to a poor selling plater or a spavined 2:30 trotter, it would have been a comparatively small affair, but when they deal out bunches of money to the queen of trotters in an amateur race where betting is prohibited and the event made the holy of turf holes, we begin to suspect that the reformer has a right to his howl.

The Lou Dillon "doping" scandal was something of a yarn just as it originally stood, but we notice that some very picturesque items are being added to the controversy.

If the students of the University of Michigan could see something like the following in the catalogue perhaps they would not be so ready to swallow football reform without making so much of a fuss:

DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS.

Fielding H. Yost, Dean. The faculty: Professor Fitzpatrick—General Conditioner (meaning physical condition, not "con" in the ordinary collegiate meaning), director of physical culture, chief of the rub down and brace up corps, keeper of the cinder path, etc. Professor Baird—Traveling representative, delegate to the schedule convention, receiver and distributor of athletic funds, general manager, overseer, superintendent, etc.

Striking with the fist, elbow and knee is prohibited by the new football rules. They are certainly taking the heart right out of the game.

While reflecting on the wickedness of the turf, let us not forget that it is just as bad, if not worse, to dope straw-berry jam with aniline dye as to give mercury to a race horse.

For many years followers of pugilism have been thinking what a great man Tommy Ryan would prove himself to be if he would only fight some one—Record-Herald.

The University of California has 150 athletes out on the field for the spring meets, while Stanford has not over fifty men on the squad. Stanford is telling it around that Berkeley has a walkover but the Cardinal men did that last fall in football season, and they failed to leave even a "look-in" for the Blue and Gold people. The training quarters for Stanford just opened with four seniors, eight juniors, twenty sophomores, and seventeen freshmen, signed for regular work under Trainer Moulton.

Local "Socker" football experts had better arrange with the weather man, before opening the season again this spring, to avoid pulling off a game in the heart of winter.

Who will invent another game for basket-ball? Outside of its name the sport is a comer, and since it became too strenuous for girl teams, is forging rapidly to the front.

In California, national guard cross country teams are becoming the vogue, and it may not be long before such teams will be starting out from the Salt Lake armory, if present plans are carried out.

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AUTOMOBILE SHOW THE GREATEST EVER

Frank B. Libbey Returns to Salt Lake From Chicago Exhibition.

NEW THINGS IN MOTOR CARS.

Pleasure Cars Not Changed So Much As Commercial Cars for the Coming Year.

The coming summer is going to be a great one for the automobile, according to Frank B. Libbey, who is manager of a local establishment, and who has just returned from the Chicago automobile show. The show was the biggest ever held, and Mr. Libbey brought back several big packages of advertising literature picked up at random from the different booths. The record of the show was that it resulted in the sale of 4,000 cars, 1,000 of which were of the larger varieties, it was attended by 263,000 people, used up 77,000 feet of space for exhibitions, representing 100



UTAH'S CHAMPION POLE VAULTER.

Morgan Adams of Provo Clearing the Pole at 11 Feet 6 Inches, Which is Only 6 Inches Below the World's Record.

Fortune Was Slow for Battling Nelson.

HERE is a story of the trials and tribulations of a world's champion in the fight for recognition and while climbing the pugilistic ladder. Battling Nelson's career was a stormy one until he reached the top. Here is Bat's own version of it: "I am not quite 24 years old, and have been fighting since I was 13 years old. My rise to the top was unlike that of other champions, being slow and steady. Many boxers who become champions gained their way to the top quickly. Take Jimmy Britt, for instance. He never even engaged in a preliminary battle. Just as soon as he quit the amateur ranks he was put on for the main events with top-notchers. Britt certainly was a lucky fellow. Even while an amateur he was always used for the wind-up. I dubbed along for about seven years, fighting for preliminary purses ranging from \$2 to \$25. Then I

different manufacturing concerns, and contained 425 cars on display.

The exhibitors, visitors and everybody were pleased with the show, declared Mr. Libbey, and it has done a wonderful work in educating makers and operators alike as to the latest wrinkles in automobile manufacture.

Speaking of the new ideas that are winning out in autos, Mr. Libbey says that for large cars the two and four-cylinder varieties are most common, the cylinders being most frequently upright, and placed either under the body or in front. For small cars the two-cylinder style is ahead, the cylinder being placed under the body to give greater balance to the weight, and being about eight or ten horsepower in strength.

New shapes in cars for pleasure, are not radically different from those of last year, but the biggest change is in the adaptation of the automobile to commercial purposes. The commercial car is where the battle of construction is being fought, and the new offerings in delivery wagons, trucks, fire engines, patrol wagons and the like are very numerous.

Automobiles may be bought for engine power, or for looks, and it seems that the man who puts his money into a powerful machine, and spends the change on the looks feature is to have the machine that will pay. Out in the suburban districts they are finding the possession of a powerful little engine is a better paying proposition than it used to seem. By picking up the rear wheels of an automobile, its engine can be made to do any ordinary engine work, the pulley being fixed to the rear wheel, and a belt connecting from this with whatever machinery it is desired to run. Some proposed uses are to operate the woodpile saws, the washing machine, the churn and the pump, a few minutes' work being sufficient each day to fill an overhead tank with water, from which it can be distributed to the barns and through the house.

Gans Hurls Another Defi at Britt.

THE San Francisco fight situation is enlivened just now principally by the hue and cry Joe Gans is making for a match with Jimmy Britt. The Associated Press dispatches have brought many details of the row that is stirring up the Frisco sports, but perhaps the hottest shot in the package is one which seems to have been left alone with the Chronicle in that city. In it Joe Gans makes a pretty strong defi to Britt both as a fighter and a grafter, and while its dictation is so direct as to suggest the prize fight editor of the Chronicle wrote it, Gans signed it, which makes him responsible for what it says. Here is the declaration: "I was glad to hear that Britt made a statement, as I thought he had left town in order to avoid a meeting with me. Now he states that he will not meet me in the ring, and this does not surprise me one bit, as every sane man knows that you could not drag him in to the ring with me if he had to hunt on the level, but if I were to do as I did before, he would sign articles at a minute's notice. Some part of his statements are very true, particularly the one that he did not bet on himself, but

let his friends lose thousands of dollars. I know that Britt bet on the fight, and if he did not bet on himself, who did he bet on?

"The articles that we signed calling for 75 and 50 per cent were just as phony as the article that he signed with Nelson, calling for a \$10,000 side bet and winner take all. I am awfully sorry that I have to be chasing after him for a match, as I would not allow anybody to chase me. He could make enough money by defeating me to buy another row of flats. The public is not satisfied with our last meeting and I personally am not satisfied. Britt calls me a faker, but if I had the money and friends he had at our last meeting I would never have faded as he did. In regard to my reputation, I am willing to stake mine against his, as any man that will advise his schoolmates and members of the Olympic club to bet on him as he did in our last fight, act drama, he being the hero, when he knew, according to our agreement, he was to lose, hasn't much of a reputation to lose. If he feels he can defeat me on the level, let him sign and give his friends (whom he steered wrong) a chance to regain their losses. So I hope that Mr. Britt will consider this matter and will get up courage enough to sign. JOE GANS."



A NEW BASEBALL MANAGER.

When the bell rings in April starting the league baseball teams off on their opening game of the season, a new star will have gravitated into the managerial constellation, in the person of popular "Bill" Clarke, former utility catcher of the world's champion Giants, whose fortunes have been cast with the Toledo club, in which he is now established as the "main mitt." Clarke was recently sold to the Toledo club by Manager McGraw, who was anxious to secure a desirable berth for him the coming season. Clarke's reputation as a hustler and his well known ability as a clever coach of promising young twirlers would seem to indicate that in the 1906 Toledo aggregation the American association will have some interesting pace making material.

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